

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 8:09CR27
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
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DAVID J. HERNANDEZ,)	PRELIMINARY ORDER
RODRIK J. STONE,)	OF FORFEITURE
)	
Defendants.)	

This matter is before the Court on the United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 93). The Court reviews the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. The Defendants have entered into Plea Agreements, whereby they have agreed to plead guilty to Counts I, V, VI, VII, X and XI of said Indictment. Count I charges the Defendants with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. Count V charges the Defendant, David J. Hernandez, with being a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). Count X charges the Defendant, Rodrik J. Stone, with possession of a stolen firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(j). Count VII seeks the forfeiture, under 21 U.S.C. § 853 of \$1,600.00 in United States currency on the basis it was used or was intended to be used to facilitate the controlled substance violation charged in Count I and/or was derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the commission of the crime charged in Count I. Count VI seeks the forfeiture under 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) of a Thomas Center .50 caliber muzzle loader rifle, serial # 58437, on the basis it was a firearm involved or used in the knowing commission of the offense charged

in Count V. Count XI seeks the forfeiture under 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) of a Walther .40 caliber pistol, serial number 402443, on the basis it was a firearm involved or used in the knowing commission of the offense charged in Count X.

2. By virtue of the guilty pleas, the Defendants forfeit their interest in the subject properties, and the United States should be entitled to possession of said properties, under 21 U.S.C. § 853, 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

IT IS ORDERED:

A. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing NO. 93) is hereby sustained.

B. Based upon Counts VI, VII and XI of the Indictment and the Defendants' pleas of guilty, the United States is hereby authorized to seize the \$1,600.00 in United States currency and firearms described above.

C. The Defendants' interest in said properties is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

D. The aforementioned forfeited properties are to be held by the United States in its secure custody and control.

E. Under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the United States forthwith shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official Government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) notice of this Order, Notice of Publication evidencing the United States' intent to dispose of the properties in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject forfeited

properties must file a Petition with the court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

F. Said published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph E., above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's alleged interest in the properties, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title or interest in the subject properties and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

G. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the properties subject to this Order as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

H. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

DATED this 15th day of June, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge